

## MINUTES

Pine Bluff Historic District Commission Meeting  
April 18, 2008 – 3:00 P.M.

The Pine Bluff Historic District Commission met in the Mayor's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dave Sadler.

Commissioners present: Dave Sadler, Elizabeth Gaines and Vivian Flowers.

Other Attendees present: Robert Tucker (Inspection/Zoning); Jerre George & Al Skinner (Regional Planning); Boyd Maher (AHPP); and Janice Lusk, (Technical Support).

No action from meeting in March, 2008 due to not a full quorum.

The Commission's Comparative Balance Sheet indicated a balance of \$6,701.11 as of January 31, 2008.

### Old Business

Proposed zoning classification change for 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Historic District – Jerre George indicated that a Memo had been mailed out notifying 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Historic District Property Owners of the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on creating a new zoning district at its April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Ms. George presented to the committee a Proposed HD-1 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Historic District. There was a discussion on Item E #2 under area requirements #b indicating the front yard setbacks that will be discussed at the public hearing.

Also, Item G – Protection of Trees – The Commission agreed to change the word in the statement "removal of existing trees must be first reviewed instead of authorized" by the Commission by the Pine Bluff Historic District Commission. It was suggested by Robert Tucker to have a tree maintenance done.

After discussion of the proposed 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Historic District, Mr. Sadler suggested to streamline and merge the procedures for the final draft. After the draft has been reviewed and approved, it was suggested to have a copy of the documents placed on the City of Pine Bluff's website in order that the public can review and give comments. Mr. Robert Tucker and Johnny Martin will assist in getting this done.

The Boone Murphy House – Larry Matthews is to inspect the house for any improvements that need to be done.

June Freeman's house at 801 Scull – Mr. Sadler asked if the house was of historic value and if the house could be saved. Also, the property across street is available.

Possible Street Lighting, Streetscape Project – It was suggested the Community Development, Highway Department and Street Department to be contacted in investigating for funding.

**New Business**

Pine Bluff Main Street Historic District has been placed on the national registry.

Boyd Maher made the following announcements:

~ The CLG Quarterly Meeting will be held in North Little Rock April 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.

~ The National Commission Forum will be held in New Orleans July 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.  
A bus is planned to be chartered to this event and if more information is Needed, the website address is [www.uga.edu/napc](http://www.uga.edu/napc).

~ National Preservation Conference – October 21-25 held in Tulsa, OK.

No further discussions, meeting adjourned.